



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Children and Family Services
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At its meeting held December 2, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Every 90 seconds a child is killed or injured in a motor vehicle crash in the United States. In the last seven years, Los Angeles County had 1,479 children ages 0 to 12 hospitalized from motor vehicle occupant injuries, of which 107 died. It is evident that motor vehicle injuries remain one of the leading causes of death and hospitalization among children.

“It is imperative that the Department of Health Services’ Injury and Violence Prevention Program and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) collaborate to submit a grant proposal to the California State Office of Traffic Safety to educate DCFS staff on injury prevention including child passenger safety. This program will include education for foster parents.”

Shirley Dixon-Farrior and Merritt Holloway addressed the Board.

On motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Directors of Health Services, Children and Family Services, and the Sheriff were requested to:

1. Jointly apply for funding through the State Office of Traffic Safety and other appropriate agencies for an educational car seat safety program to assist foster and relative care providers in the County; and

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2. Report back to the Board within 90 days with a status report.

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